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Indefinite Patent Application of:
Joseph Peiris et al.

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For: A NOVEL HUMAN VIRUS CAUSING
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY
SYNDROME (SARS) AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: M. Mosher

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006 (Paper No. 20060418), in which the Examiner has required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I, claims 1-7, 27, 30, 89-94, 97, 98, 108, 109, 121, 122, 130, 131, 144, 160-162, 171 and 172, drawn to a virus *per se*;

Group II, claims 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 101, 115, 117, 125, 135, 146, and 165, drawn to less than genome-length nucleic acid;

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Group III, claims 54-55, 56, 58, 60, 62, 75, 77, 79, 81, 95, 96, 136, 137, 138, 139, 151, 152, 153, 154, 158, 159, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, and 173, drawn to an assay method; and

Group IV, claims 99, 100, 110, 111, 123, 124, 132, 133, and 163, drawn to isolated proteins.

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 101, 115, 117, 125, 135, 146, and 165) without traverse for examination in this case.

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